

Astrology

Not to be believed; but to be understood

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

A Farmington astrologer who believes that the study can best be used as a tool for self-awareness, will bring his mentor to the area for a three-day seminar.

Marty Schaefer, of 24510 Adams Court, Farmington Hills, will introduce Isabel Hickey in Botsford Inn during her stay here March 8-10.

He calls the seminar "Three Evenings With Issie," and he calls Ms. Hickey "everybody's grandmother."

"Everyone can benefit from the first two nights' sessions, by meeting Issie and learning a little about the spiritual side of astrology," Schaefer said. "The third night is a workshop, and that is geared for those who have more than a bit of prior knowledge." Within the field of astrology, there are specialists, and Ms. Hickey's specialty deals with the spiritual. From her, Schaefer says he found spiritual awareness and a spiritual concept that he is able to live with comfortably.

"She speaks a philosophy of love and understanding and she is a living example of that," he says.

SCHAEFER HAD A 20-year background in business, was vice-president of one company and owned another. He gave up several years ago to devote full-time to the study of astrology. He has since become a teacher, lecturer, consultant and author on the subject, but says he had to give \$12,000 in debt to turn professional.

"There are no colleges you can attend," he said, "very few competent teachers and you have to screen your own reading material."

During this process of self-education, his respect for Ms. Hickey caused him "to chase around the country following her lecture series."

He proved the validity of astrology to himself by checking his natal chart and planetary aspects with events which occurred in his past. But he is adamant that astrologers can not make valid predictions.

"We are all subject to the cyclic activity of the planets," he said, "and we know when these will occur, but how is a man going to act, or react to these? Emotionally, mentally, physically? I believe he has free will. He can react on any of these levels and any way he chooses," Schaefer said.

THROUGH HIS classes, he hopes to help his students get a better understanding of themselves and others by learning from the planet placements on individual charts.

He told the story of a distraught mother who had a child she described as "perpetual motion." The child's chart showed the sun in line with Mars, an astrological aspect signifying extreme physical energy.

The answer, of course, Schaefer said, "was to find a physical outlet for the boy rather than punishment, but let me make it clear that I don't advise anybody to do anything. I do not like the word advisor, and I am not one. Hopefully, the mother was

able to come to this conclusion herself after it was pointed out to her."

Another story had to do with Mercury in the sign of Pisces, which indicates to the astrologer that the person with this planet placement is a daydreamer.

"This person was very creative, not the least bit interested in details. When he understand that, maybe we can help bring out that creative ability," he said.

SCHAEFER SAID he can sum up the bulk of his philosophy on the subject by stating, "Astrology is not to be believed. It is to be understood."

In that respect, he says he wishes to share what he has learned after intensive study. He claims to preach no dogma.

After I've said what I've got to say, they can do with it what they will, but I like to think I render a valid service. Many people I've counseled have told me they've experienced vast changes in their lives because of what I had to say, and they were all good changes," he said.

Students, who fill his apartment for classes four nights a week study everything from learning to read a chart, to ethics of the profession to body language. His goal, he said, is to become a teacher of teachers.

The fact that his classes are full and he is busy seven days a week with his astrological work he credits to Uranus now residing in Scorpio. Uranus signifies awareness and Scorpio, hidden things. "So we were bound to have a lot of occult subjects



Marty Schaefer, astrology teacher, lecturer and consultant, shares his knowledge with those inter-

ested in learning more about themselves through the planetary placements on their birthcharts.

brought out into the open at this time," he said. That, coming with the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, he continued,

"Man will know that he is more than that part of the earth that we see." Tickets for each "Evening With Issie" are \$5 each and may be pur-

chased in advance by calling Schaefer at 478-2023, or at the door. Each session begins at 8 p.m. in Botsford, 28800 Grand River.



JILL BROADHEAD

DENNIS BROADHEAD

Broadheads team up for '6 Rms Riv Vu'

The Farmington Players' third production of the season is now in rehearsal under the direction of a husband and wife team.

Dennis Broadhead, who has been active with the local theatre for the past 13 years, is directing the two-act comedy, "Six Rms Riv Vu" with the assistance of his wife Jill.

Both attended Farmington High School, but had never met until he was directing "I Never Sang For My Father" for the players in 1973, and she was a member of the stage crew. They were married the next year in Farmington's Salem United Church.

Broadhead is a former member of

the players' board of director, and has served the group in numerous capacities, both on and off stage.

Both hold fine arts degrees, but Mrs. Broadhead has no aspirations for the stage. Her plans are to do graduate work in art education.

When Broadhead isn't acting or directing, he works as an artist in the art department at WKBD-TV.

THE TWO ARE now working with a six-member cast getting ready for the March 11 opening of the play that will run for three consecutive weekends.

The title of the comedy refers to a newspaper want ad describing a six room apartment, with a river view, for rent in New York City. All of the

action takes place in the vacant apartment.

Vess Spindler and Ceci Orman take the lead roles of two prospective tenants who accidentally get locked in the vacant apartment.

The play is described as "very funny, warm, witty and sensitive."

Others in the cast are Stu Orman, Jan Clements, Tim Phares, Dorothy Sheiman, Sharon Kolbasa and Tim Velasquez.

The play is being produced by Dale Johnson.

Tickets are on sale now and may be obtained by calling the Players Box Office, 477-1066.



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Farmington Players in rehearsal now for "6 Rms Riv Vu" are Ceci Orman, (at left) Stu Orman, Jan Clements and Vess Spindler. Ms. Orman and Spin-

dler take the lead roles in the two-act comedy opening March 11.

A hospital fights for infant survival

By ALICE COLLINS

The machinery is imposing and expensive, the doctors and nurses are highly specialized, and the babies they're hovering over are so tiny they look like miniature dolls.

The babies in the incubators—five on this morning—range in age from 36 hours to two months.

The smallest—a two-week-old girl being fed special formula through a tube inserted into her bowel, weighs one pound, seven ounces, an ounce more than her birth weight.

"She's doing well," said Dr. Mary Kokosky. "Most likely, she'll survive and be normal."

"But the little boy over there," continued Dr. Kokosky pointing to another baby in the room, "is not doing so well. He's two months old and gaining weight. But he's had some heart failure and needs assistance to breathe."

"We're almost certain he has brain damage."

DR. KOKOSKY, a resident of Troy, is director of the top-level neonatal intensive care unit at Mt. Carmel

Mercy Hospital on Outer Drive in Detroit.

She also directs the nurseries and Level II neonatal intensive care units at nearby Sinai, Providence and Northwest Grace hospitals.

Because of the tremendous expense of equipping and staffing these highly specialized units, the state has regionalized neonatal intensive care, said Dr. William C. Montgomery of Birmingham, director of pediatrics at Mt. Carmel.

Mt. Carmel is a Level III State Regional Center for those newborns requiring surgery, cardiology or assistance in breathing. Sinai, Providence and Northwest Grace babies who need any of these life-preserving methods are transported immediately to Mt. Carmel.

It is this network of critical care for high-risk babies that Dr. Kokosky, a neonatologist, heads.

A HOT-LINE TELEPHONE connects all four hospital units. The person giving a blood exchange at Providence can be in direct contact with a neonatologist while the transfusion is being done.

The moment a high-risk baby is born in Sinai, Dr. Kokosky can receive all the information about the baby over the phone.

"We don't have to wait for a baby to stop breathing before transporting it to Mt. Carmel," Dr. Kokosky said. "I can usually tell from the information that this is a baby that should be transported."

A special hospital incubator is used, and a hospital resident travels by ambulance with the baby between the intensive care units.

"YOU HAVE TO HAVE a lab that can run all necessary blood tests on one drop of blood because that's all you can take from a tiny baby," said Dr. Kokosky. Most hospital labs aren't prepared to do that.

As the infant intensive care units have increased throughout the state, the infant mortality rate has dropped," said Dr. Kokosky.

In 1976, there were three units in Michigan. Now there are 17. "We're not just saving lives, but the ones we're saving are a better quality baby. We're ending up with less handi-

caps and better IQs. And that's the most important part."

The neonatal intensive care unit was established at Mt. Carmel in February 1975. About 9,000 babies are born each year at Sinai, Providence and Northwest Grace (Mt. Carmel does not have an obstetric department itself).

"WE HAVE A LOT of high-risk babies, about three-fourths of them coming from the inner city of Detroit where there are lots of high-risk mothers," she said.

"Many young girls just walk in off the street with no prenatal care and have their babies. They're not married and their parents didn't even know they were pregnant."

The hotline hookup and service charges for the four hospitals, an infant transport incubator, monitoring and other neonatal intensive care equipment at Mt. Carmel were bought with contributions from the March of Dimes.

Last year's contribution to that unit at Mt. Carmel totaled almost \$16,000, said Dr. Montgomery, who as head of

pediatrics, oversees the neonatal unit. "Believe me," said Dr. Montgomery, "the volunteer buck is really appreciated. Frankly, the March of Dimes has been extremely supportive to this unit."

They run a tight ship, and the money is spent the way it should be spent. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for all such organizations.

"SAY I GO TO them and ask for money to buy monitoring equipment," said Dr. Montgomery. "They have committees and review boards that consider it thoroughly."

Both professionals and consumers are represented on their board. Then the request is passed on to other advisory committees. If I requested a larger amount of money, it takes approval from higher up. "Neonatology is not the same thing today as it was six or seven years ago," said Dr. Montgomery. "It's been the most rapidly advancing area in pediatrics in Michigan and nationally."

NEONATOLOGY COVERS covers

the first month or so of life, he said. Perinatology is also a part of it, covering a baby's conception up to the birth.

Dr. Kokosky helped found the Perinatal Association of Michigan and is its president. She is attempting to establish regional perinatal centers throughout Michigan.

There is room for seven babies in the Mt. Carmel intensive care unit's more critical room, and it is usually filled, said Dr. Kokosky.

There is another room where the infants are moved as they progress successfully. It is also usually filled.

PARENTS OF THE intensive care infants are invited and urged to come into the unit, any time, day or night and sit by their babies, feed them when possible and help care for them. "This is very important for the survival of the baby," she said. "And it also helps the parents."

Other area hospitals approved as Level III State Regional Centers for Neonatal Intensive Care Units are William Beaumont, Children's, Henry Ford, Hutzel and St. John.